

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 29-39 were withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 1, 7, and 25 have been amended to further clarify the invention. *See, e.g.*, Specification, page 6, lines 8-11 and page 8 line 9 to page 9, line 7.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

On page 2 of the Office Action, it alleges that Claim 1 is indefinite in the recital of "material" as well as the phrase "the chemical composition" lacking antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claim 1 to address these issues. The Office Action further alleges that claim 25 is indefinite as "the cellulosic material" allegedly lacks support. Applicants have amended claim 25 to address these issues. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been overcome.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4, 7-19, and 22-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WO 98/44185 to Rogers *et al.* ("Rogers"). Applicants respectfully traverse and obviate the rejection.

On page 3 of the Office Action, it is alleged that Rogers anticipates the claims of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that Rogers does not anticipate the claims. Specifically Rogers does not disclose a cleaning sheet comprising a viscoelastic material, wherein the material has a chemical composition which resists folding (Emphasis Added). Rogers does not disclose or even suggest such a viscoelastic material. As such, Rogers does not disclose or suggest each and every limitation of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome.

Claims 1-4, 7-19, and 22-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,630,848 to Young *et al.* ("Young"). Applicants respectfully traverse and obviate the rejection.

On page 4 of the Office Action, it is alleged that Young anticipates the claims of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that Young does not anticipate the claims. Specifically Young does not disclose a cleaning sheet comprising a viscoelastic material, wherein the material has a chemical composition which resists folding (Emphasis Added). Young does not disclose or even suggest such a viscoelastic material. As such, Young does not disclose or suggest each and every limitation of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 5-6, 20, 21, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Rogers or Young. Applicants respectfully traverse and obviate the rejection.

Claims 5-6, 20, 21, and 40 are directly or indirectly dependent from Claims 1 and 7, and, therefore, are also distinguishable from the Rogers or Young for the same reasons as Claim 1.

With regard to all claims not specifically mentioned, these are believed to be allowable not only in view of their dependency on their respective base claims and any intervening claims, but also for the totality of features recited therein.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants to arrange for a telephonic interview in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. A fee for a three-month extension of time is believed to be due. Please charge any required fees to Procter & Gamble Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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